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**AFMC COMMANDER'S UNIT QUALITY
AWARDS**

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This instruction implements AFMCPD 36-1, *AFMC Organizational and Team Quality Awards*. This instruction defines the organizational award categories and establishes the submission schedules for each. These instructions are designed to promote quality management awareness throughout AFMC by recognizing quality organizations. The AFMC quality awards program also identifies AFMC candidates for the Air Force, Federal Quality Institute, and similar awards programs. This instruction applies to all AFMC organizations. It does not apply to Air National Guard and US Air Force Reserve units and members.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision to AFMCI 36-101 restructures AFMC Commander's Unit Quality Awards process to conform to recent changes in Federal Quality Institute criteria and is retitled to reflect the removal of the AFMC Commander's Team Quality Award. The AFMC Commander's Team Quality Award has been renamed and is addressed in AFMCI 36-103.

1. Description of Awards. The criteria for the following awards are subject to be updated each year, therefore, the current criteria are issued during each appropriate data call. Criteria used during the previous year may be obtained from each center's Quality Air Force Office or HQ AFMC/XPV, WPAFB OH 45433.

1.1. The AFMC Commander's Unit Quality Award supports two higher level award programs and has the following two categories. Appropriate AFMC plaques are presented in each category.

1.1.1. The first category supports the President's Quality Award Program. The criteria and eligibility requirements are the same as those required by the Federal Quality Institute (FQI). The President's Quality Award Program includes the Presidential Award for Quality (PAQ) and the Quality Improvement Prototype (QIP) Award. No more than six organizations can be selected as AFMC winners.

1.1.2. The second category supports the Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) Unit Quality Award (UQA) and uses the QAF criteria and same eligibility requirements as required by Air Force. Only one center can be selected as AFMC winner.

1.2. The AFMC Commander's Small Unit Quality Award is based upon the Quality Air Force (QAF) Criteria and is for those units with less than 100 full-time federal employees not meeting eligibility requirements for higher-level awards. The units must be autonomous with a clearly defined mission. The unit must not be an integral part of a larger organization that is applying for a FQI sponsored higher level award. It is not the intent to fragment organizations to meet eligibility requirements of this award. No more than two organizations can be selected as AFMC winners.

2. Submission Schedule.

Table 1. Schedule.

	AFMC Commander's Unit Quality Awards FQI Criteria	QAF Criteria	AFMC Commander's Small Unit Quality Awd
March	AFMC Data Call	AFMC Data Call	AFMC Data Call
May		AF Data Call	
June	FQI Data Call		Final Data Call
August	AFMC Winner(s) Selected		
September	Nominee(s) to Air Force	AFMC Winner Selected	Winners Selected
October	AFMC Awards Presented	AFMC Award Presented	AFMC Award (s) Presented
December		Nominee to Air Force	
	FQI Award Presented September	SECAF Award Presented March	

NOTE:

Schedules represent current dates in 1995 but are subject to change.

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